



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology.

*Title:* Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Client Impact Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-0021.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (extension of currently approved information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 1,667.

*Needs and Uses:* The objective of the NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program (MEP) is to enhance productivity, technological performance, and strengthen the global competitiveness of small-and medium-sized U.S.-based manufacturing firms. Through this client impact survey, the MEP will collect data necessary for program accountability; analysis and research into the effectiveness of the MEP program; reports to stakeholders; Government Performance and Results Act; continuous improvement efforts; knowledge sharing across the

MEP system; and identification of best practices. Collection of this data is needed in order to comply with the MEP charter, as mandated by congress.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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